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The invention disclosed in this patent application is related to the invention disclosed in United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/840,204, now US Patent No. 6,734,920 [~~Attorney Docket No. PHIL06-01408~~] by M. Ghosh et al. entitled “System and Method for Reducing Error Propagation in a Decision Feedback Equalizer of an ATSC VSB Receiver” filed concurrently with this patent application. The invention disclosed in this patent application is also related to the invention disclosed in United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/840,218 [~~Attorney Docket No. PHIL06-01720~~] by K. Wittig et al. entitled “Generation of Decision Feedback Equalizer Data Using Trellis Decoder Traceback Output in an ATSC HDTV Receiver” filed concurrently with this patent application. The related patent applications are commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention. The disclosures of the related patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference in the present patent application as if fully set forth herein.